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New Fee Structure For Contractor Licensing

Fees Special

The PSA, following approval by the Minister for Justice and Equality, has introduced a new fee structure for contractor licensing. The new structure which is effective from the 1st January 2013 sees reductions in fees across a range of areas including a reduction of 55% for new businesses starting up in the security industry and a 45% reduction for contractors whose turnover is €300,000 or less.

The administration fee of €1,000 remains unchanged, but the turnover fee has been reconfigured as follows:

- Fee for turnover below €10 is being reduced from €1,250 to zero.
- Fee for contractors with a turnover from €10 up to and including €300,000 is being reduced from €1,250 to €250.
- For contractors operating in multiple sectors of the security industry the turnover fee will now be calculated on their combined turnover across all sectors. Currently, contractors pay a turnover fee for each sector they operate in.
- Licensed contractors seeking to add a new sector to an existing licence will pay a turnover fee based on their combined turnover and calculated in relation to the duration of the existing licence which has expired.

The new fees mean that 590 of the 780 contractors currently licensed will see a reduction in their fees when they next renew their licence. In addition, we estimate that 280 contractors will be due refunds as a result of backdating the new fees to the 1st January 2013. The PSA is commencing the processing of refunds immediately and is expected that all those entitled to a refund will receive same by the 16th August 2013.

Contractor Licence Fees effective from the 1st January 2013

Turnover	Fee
Greater than €10 and not exceeding €0.3 million	€250
Greater than €0.3 million and not exceeding €0.625 million	€1,250
Greater than €0.625 million and not exceeding €1.25 million	€2,500
Greater than €1.25 million and not exceeding €3.75 million	€5,000
Greater than €3.75 million and not exceeding €10 million	€9,000
Greater than €10 million	€19,000
Administration Fee (payable in addition to turnover fee)	€1,000

- Administration fee remains unchanged at €1,000.
- Reduction in licence fee from €2,250 to €1,250 for contractors with a turnover of €300,000 or less.
- Turnover fee calculated across all sectors rather than on a sector by sector basis.
- Refunds for all applications and renewals received since the 1st January 2013.
- Refunds to be paid by the 16th August 2013.
- Licence fee for new businesses reduced from €2,250 to €1,000.
- Further information available on our website, www.psa.gov.ie

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